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SUBJECT: GODR REQUEST FOR DOGS

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- 1. WHILE WE HAVE NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO USE OF US DOGS IN DR FOR PURPOSE OF TRACKING GUERRILLAS, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PRESENCE OF AMERICAN DOG HANDLERS HERE IS UNDESIRABLE FROM A POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW. EVEN THOUGH FEDERAL GUARD DOGS IS PRIVATE CONTRACTOR, DOMINICANS ARE LIKELY TO PERCEIVE, OF CHOOSE TO INTERPRET, USG INVOLVEMENT IN THAT FIRM'S ACTIVITIES.
- 2. IT SHOULD ALSO BE POINTED OUT THAT DOG HANDLERS ENGAGED IN SEARCH OPERATIONS WOULD BE EXPOSED TO HIGH PERSONAL RISK. GUERRILLAS HAVE ALREADY DEMONSTRATED THEIR WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY TO FIRE ON THEIR PURSUERS. TWO ADDITIONAL SOLDIERS WERE REPORTED KILLED YESTERDAY, MARCH 15, BRINGING TOTAL DEATH TOLL FOR GOVERNMENT FORCES TO SIX.
- 3. FOR ABOVE REASONS, EMBASSY STRONGLY URGES DOG HANDLERS NOT RPT NOT ACCOMPANY DOGS IF SERVICES OF LATTER ARE IN FACT HIRED
- 4. AMBASSADOR DE MOYA MAY BE MANUEL ANTONIO DE MOYA ALONZO, AGE 66, WHO HAS TITLE OF AMBASSADOR INSPECTOR OF EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES AND WHO IS RESIDENT IN MIAMI CONFIDENTIAL

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WHERE HE IS REPORTEDLY ASSIGNED TO DOMINICAN CONSULATE. TRUJILLO'S FORMER AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, HE IS NOT BELIEVED TO BE PRESENTLY ON GOOD TERMS WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER.

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